

Part I. Structured Sentencing for Felonies

The State's structured sentencing laws went into effect on October 1, 1994, and apply to all felony offenses committed on or after that date. This manual replaces the previous manual and includes changes that are in effect on December 1, 2009, and apply to all felony offenses committed on or after that date. The laws are codified in Article 81B of Chapter 15A of the North Carolina General Statutes. For reference purposes, the felony punishment chart that applies to offenses committed on or after December 1, 1995, but before December 1, 2009, is included at the end of Part I.

This part describes the substance and application of the sentencing laws for felonies.